

State of Washington

Activity Summary By Agency

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

<u>2001-03 Biennium Estimated Expenditures</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			<u>Annual</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>FTEs</u>
\$12,703,582	\$34,026,793	\$46,730,375	195.1

Activity / Function: Agency Management/Administrative Support Services**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

Purpose: Administrative management of the agency is provided by the Director's Office and supported by all business functions within the Department. While the Director's Office provides leadership and policy guidance, the business support staff administer agency payroll, develop and manage over 1,000 annual contracts, process and monitor all purchases, and pay all bills, including rent, utilities, and other goods and services. In addition, automated data systems development, maintenance and support, legal services, payments to other state agencies, and personnel and classification work is provided within this function.

Activity / Function: Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement	\$14,859,079	\$15,624,670	\$30,483,749	175.6
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Department of Fish and Wildlife employs 147 enforcement officers to: (1) patrol the state and ensure that commercial and game fishers, hunters and recreationists are complying with state laws and regulations, such as licensing requirements and prohibitions against illegally taking certain species (i.e., poaching); (2) provide first response for human-wildlife conflicts including bear and cougar complaints, deer and elk damage to crops, and other problem wildlife incidents; and (3) ensure compliance with the hydraulic code, sanitary shellfish, and other natural resource codes.

Activity / Function: Fish and Wildlife Management and Research	\$28,023,958	\$77,555,029	\$105,578,987	522.8
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The Fish Program is the chief steward for the state's aquatic and marine fish and other harvestable resources. It regulates harvest (both sport and commercial) for salmon, steelhead, trout, sturgeon, bass, crab, shrimp, and other fish and shellfish. The Wildlife Program regulates hunting and trapping of game species such as deer, elk, black bear, upland game birds, waterfowl, and beaver, and monitors the status of nongame species such as the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and grizzly bear. These programs also conduct research and provide technical assistance to individuals, businesses, and agencies (including local, federal and tribal governments) to develop fish and wildlife management plans and improve tools for management. The state works cooperatively with other governments to manage fish and wildlife resources, and the Department is currently working on plans for mass marking of all hatchery-produced coho and chinook, for wild salmonid restoration, for sharing shellfish resources with tribal governments, for protecting fish and shellfish resources, and nongame and game wildlife species.

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\$16,688,351	\$38,130,544	\$54,818,895	374.6

Activity / Function: Fish Hatcheries and Game Farms**Statewide Category:** Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: Washington State hatcheries produce fish for commercial and sport fishing in Washington waters. Ninety-three facilities produce 8 million annual pounds of salmon, steelhead, trout, and warmwater game fish. The Department manages fish resources, using hatcheries as a tool in a larger plan to maintain or increase harvest while protecting wild fish stocks and habitat for long-term ecological health. Hatcheries play a vital role in the recovery of ESA-listed stocks of salmon and trout. In addition, the Department raises approximately 35,000 to 40,000 game pheasants each year and releases them throughout western Washington to provide upland bird hunting opportunities.

Activity / Function: Fishing, Hunting and Shellfish Licenses	\$2,677,557	\$5,918,372	\$8,595,929	16.0
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The License Division administers and processes all commercial fishing and specialized non-fishery licenses and the registration of all aquaculture farm facilities as well as recreational hunting, fishing, and shellfish/seaweed licenses, tags, permits and catch record cards to the statewide network of contracted recreational license dealers and the Department of Fish and Wildlife's regional and field offices. This includes issuance, suspension and denial of commercial licenses, direct customer service to licensees, local, county, state and federal agencies, associations and internal divisions, and to the general public. The Division also provides training to license dealers and to Department enforcement personnel, and audits license dealers. This oversight is provided for the over \$52.9 million in license revenues received by the 1,000 plus dealers which carry and sell Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife license documents.

Activity / Function: Habitat Preservation	\$17,878,546	\$8,307,150	\$26,185,696	148.0
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The Department preserves and protects habitat by: (1) regulating work within state waters by reviewing hydraulic permits and forest practice applications; (2) working with private and public land use planning organizations to manage fish and wildlife habitat cooperatively; (3) requiring major developments along rivers to avoid, minimize or compensate for harm to fish and wildlife habitat; (4) identifying and mapping habitat and species needing protection; and (5) working to prevent and clean up toxic waste and oil spills.

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\$5,297,923	\$8,450,502	\$13,748,425	104.5

Activity / Function: Land Management**Statewide Category:** Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The Department of Fish and Wildlife manages nearly 800,000 acres of public land to maximize recreational opportunities consistent with maintaining habitat for healthy and diverse wildlife populations. Over 650 recreational access sites are managed by the Department including boat launch areas, fishing piers, shellfishing areas, informal camp grounds and about 158 miles of stream bank fishing easements throughout the state. In addition, the Department manages 23 wildlife areas for public recreation. Funding for this activity supports the real estate and other transactions with local governments necessary to acquire land and pay in-lieu taxes to local governments and maintain facilities and other structures. The public supports this land management through license fees, the general fund, and federal excise taxes on sporting goods.

Activity / Function: Public Outreach, Education and Grants	\$6,581,504	\$8,759,492	\$15,340,996	46.0
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains seven public information and contact offices statewide in or near major urban centers. Hunting and fishing license sales, season and regulation information, maps, and landscape management policy consultation with local governments and private and public landowners are some of the services provided. In addition, the Department supports significant public outreach, partnerships, and educational opportunities through Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings, season updates, cooperative projects and grants programs (such as Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups), aquatic and hunter education classes, and the new salmon restoration project.

Total Reported:	8	TOTALS	\$104,710,500	\$196,772,552	\$301,483,052	1,582.6
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